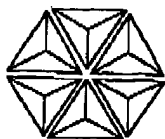


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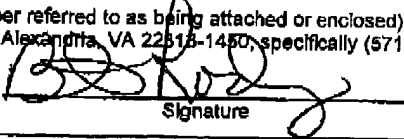
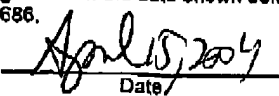
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In response to the Official Action mailed December 16, 2003, please amend the subject application to read as follows.